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FOR NEA/INS FOR AMBASSADOR HECK FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: EAID, NP
SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON AID FY 79 ABS

1. AID DIRECTOR BUTTERFIELD HAS JUST GIVEN ME PRE-LIMINARY RUNDOWN ON PLANNED AID SUBMISSION FOR FY 79 ABS FOR NEPAL. IT PROJECTS FUNDING LEVEL FOR FY 79 OF \$37,028,000, WHICH INCLUDES 5-YEAR LIFE-OF-PROJECT FUNDING FOR TWO PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS FOR RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT IN RAPTI ZONE (\$12,800,000) AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND UTILIZATION (12,000,000). ABS ALSO PROJECTS INCREASE OF DIRECT HIRE AMERICAN PERSONNEL FROM CURRENT AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 19 (2 OF WHICH ARE CURRENTLY UNFILLED AND SUBJECT TO MODE APPROVAL) TO 22 AND OF DIRECT HIRE LOCAL PERSONNEL FROM CURRENT CEILING OF 72 TO 113. IT ALSO PROJECTS INCREASE IN AMERICAN CONTRACT PERSONNEL FROM 17 TO 25 IN 1978 AND AND 24 IN 1979. WE WILL BE COMING IN WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THESE PROPOSALS FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH BUTTERFIELD AND AID STAFF.

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2. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO FACT THAT BUTTERFIELD IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO LEAVE KATHMANDU JUNE 10 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AID/WASHINGTON BEGINNING JUNE 13 ON FY 79 ABS. HE WISHES TO REMAIN IN U.S. FOR FAMILY REASONS UNTIL ABOUT MID-JULY. I BELIEVE

IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR HIM TO DISCUSS FY 79
ABS WITH YOU BEFORE ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH
AID/WASHINGTON. BUTTERFIELD IS WILLING TO DELAY
HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY IN ORDER
TO CONSULT WITH YOU HERE, PROVIDED THAT AID
WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF ABS COULD BE PUT OFF FOR
A WEEK OR TWO. ALTERNATELY, IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO
ARRIVE KATHMANDU PRIOR TO BUTTERFIELD'S DEPARTURE,
DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON. IF POSTPONEMENT
OF AID/WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF FY 79 ABS SEEMS
DESIRABLE IN ORDER FOR YOU TO MEET WITH BUTTERFIELD EITHER
HERE OR IN WASHINGTON, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THIS TO
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